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HOY'S EVANSVILLE HOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE BILL PASSES OUT OF HOUSE

INDIANAPOLIS – Today legislation co-authored by State Rep. Phil Hoy (D-Evansville) that would extend the work of the Evansville State Hospital Advisory Committee was passed out of the House. House Bill 1239 will now be passed on to the Senate for debate.

"I'm very proud to be taking part in this legislation because of its potential to benefit the citizens of Evansville in developing the city's park while still conserving the historic hospital buildings," said Hoy. "I think it's also very significant and promising that all of the state legislators from Evansville, including myself, are dedicated to successfully getting this legislation passed together."

If made law, the legislation would allow the Evansville State Hospital Advisory Committee to continue studying the use of hospital property, including proposals for the use of existing buildings on the property. Committee members are responsible for proposing how the land given to them by the state will best be utilized to serve the best interests of the citizens of Evansville.

Besides preserving the historic hospital buildings, Hoy is hopeful that the approximately 70 acres of park area will likewise be maintained.

"Our citizens have been walking on this grassy area for years," said Hoy. "It's important to the city to ensure the future of the park so it can continue to be enjoyed for years to come."

The author of the bill is State Rep. Veneta Becker (R-Evansville) and, along with Hoy, the co-authors are State Reps. Trent Van Haaften (D-Mt. Vernon) and Dennis Avery (D-Evansville).